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Application Serial No. 10/630,097

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
HOOKER, Jeffrey D. )  
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Serial No.: 10/630,097 )  
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Filed: 29 JULY 2003 )  
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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR )  
THE PRODUCTION OF FATTY ACID )  
ALKYL ESTER )  
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Examiner: UNKNOWN  
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Art Unit: 1621  
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**37 C.F.R. § 1.115(a) PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Honorable Commissioner:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.115(a), Applicant respectfully requests submits this Preliminary Amendment prior to the receipt of a first Office Action on the merits of the present application. This Preliminary Amendment is submitted in compliance with the revised format for making amendments as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.121.